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## Exhibit, Programs Focus on "California's Labor History"

The history of labor in California is key to understanding the economic progress, as well as community and social development of the state. "California's Labor History" is the subject of a compelling traveling exhibition, which chronicles the history of the state's workers and labor movements they influenced.



*United Farm Workers Union leader Cesar Chavez.*

On display at the Central Library through April 11, the "California's Labor History" panel exhibition is presented by the San Diego Public Library, California State Library and the California Exhibition Resources Alliance. Admission is free.

The Library will also present special events in conjunction with the exhibit (see page 4 for details).

The "California's Labor History" exhibit combines reproductions of artwork, historic photographs and text to explore 11 crucial events in the state's labor history. Topics include: Native American labor in the missions, the Gold Rush, the General Strike of 1934, and the United Farm Workers Union Movement events that still impact California workers today.

The exhibition is inspired by an extensive labor history map developed by the California State Library, which accompanies the exhibition. A distinguished advisory committee of librarians, historians, and members of the Speaker's Commission on Labor Education worked to create the labor history map. The map and the exhibition are supported by an educational Web site created in partnership

with San Francisco State University that may be viewed at <http://calpedia.sfsu.edu/calabor>.

The "California's Labor History" exhibition tour is coordinated by the California Exhibition Resources Alliance (CERA) in association with the California State Library. This exhibit was supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museums and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. CERA is supported by generous grants from The James Irvine Foundation, The William Randolph Hearst Foundation and the California Council for the Humanities.

The exhibit is on display in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery at the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For more information on the exhibition and public programs, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

### Free Seminars at Libraries to Focus on Prescription Medication

The Library will host a series of free seminars in March and April titled "Beyond the Prescription Label: Understanding Your Medications."

The success of your prescribed medication requires more than just following the directions on the label. This seminar will inform you about interactions between your prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, how your medication can react with certain foods, drug side effects, and questions you should ask your pharmacist. Whether you're taking one medication or several, this seminar will provide you with important information.

The free seminars are part of the Be Well Informed @ your library campaign, presented by Walgreens and the  
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## Exhibition of Lisa Kanemoto Photographs on Display at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library

"Dark Mirror Revisited," an exhibition of 42 black and white photographs by Lisa Kanemoto, is on display at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through April 3. Kanemoto is internationally recognized for works documenting commonly stigmatized groups such as the mentally ill, drug addicts, gays and ethnic minorities. In this series, Kanemoto turns the camera on herself. The work provides an unflinching examination of her personal mental and physical struggles, addressing a broad spectrum of issues including chronic depression, alcoholism, breast cancer, family mental illness and aging. Feelings of guilt and inadequacy figure prominently, relating not only to her role as a mother, but also from having personally witnessed and survived events surrounding the Holocaust. Sensitive, poetic and, at times, brutally introspective and revealing, Kanemoto's artistry brings a rare and profound expressiveness to the medium. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch is located at 4275 Cass St. Call (858) 581-9934 for details.



## Irish Music Concerts to be Held at Two Libraries

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, Irish music concerts will be held at two libraries in March.

The **Granada Consort**, a local recorder ensemble, will perform traditional music from Ireland and the Isle of Man on recorders, harp and whistle at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library on March 13 at 2 p.m. Over the last five years, the group has performed a number of Irish music concerts. This year's concert includes pieces by Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738), other Irish songs from the 1840 Bunting collection, and a set of Manx songs. The ancient Irish music in this program is rarely heard in the sessions held in pubs. Carolan's music, in particular, was influenced by the Italian baroque, so it is often better suited to a



baroque-style arrangement than what is commonly thought of as the "traditional Irish" style. Manx music borrows from the Irish and Welsh to create its own unique tradition, which includes both haunting slow airs and lively dances. The Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library is located at 3701 Voltaire St. For information, call

the library at 619-531-1539.

Also, the **Irish Tyme** will perform at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library on March 17 at 3 p.m. The trio will perform both Irish instrumentals and vocals. Cake and lemonade will be served afterwards to celebrate the branch library's 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch is located at 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. For more information, call 858-538-8158.

## Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. Contact the libraries below for details.

**Central Library**, 820 E St., 619-236-5800

- Monday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m.
- Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.
- Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mission Valley**, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007

- Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

**San Carlos**, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430

- Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

**Tierrasanta**, 4985 La Cuenta Drive, 858-573-1384

- Monday, March 14 at 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, March 21 at 6:15 p.m.
- Monday, March 28 at 6:15 p.m.

## Free Advice About Bankruptcy Available at Library

Seminars offering bankruptcy information to the public are available free to the public each month at two San Diego Public Library locations. The seminars are hosted by local attorney Mark L. Miller, who can also be heard each Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. on the "Debt Wipeout Hour" on radio station KCBQ 1170 AM. During the seminars, Miller will cover the definition of bankruptcy, who should apply and when, and other related information. He will answer any and all questions regarding legal issues involving bankruptcy. The next scheduled seminars will be held as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 2**, at 6 p.m. at the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.
- **Wednesday, March 16**, at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, 619-236-5894.

## Preview Lectures for "Simon Boccanegra" to be Presented at Central Library and Scripps Ranch

Preview lectures about the San Diego Opera's production of Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra" will be held at two libraries in March. The entertaining presentations can help you prepare for the production and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire. Composer Myron Fink will lecture on March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158. Dr. Ron Shaheen will lecture on March 22 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.





*A girl creates a "flip book" at a recent San Diego Book Arts event at the Linda Vista Branch Library.*

### **Book Arts Program Continues Through June**

Artists from San Diego Book Arts recently led a "Create & Take" workshop at the Linda Vista Branch during which participants made their own personalized verb inspired "Flip-It" accordion style book using rubber stamps, colored pencils, pens, folded papers and ribbon. This workshop was one of an ongoing series of free workshops conducted by San Diego Book Arts from November through June at San Diego Public Library locations. Simultaneously the public may view a traveling exhibit of artists' books.

Each year, San Diego Book Arts members work with young people to make artists' books. The program began at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X and Linda Vista branches and continues at the San Ysidro Branch through March; Mira Mesa Branch in March and April; and the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch during May and June. The program is funded by a grant from the San Diego Foundation and is supported in part by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

### **Local Poet JohnnieRenee Nelson to Discuss Her Work at Mission Hills Branch Library**

On March 29, poet JohnnieRenee Nelson will share some of her writings at 7 p.m. at the Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St. The program will be presented by the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Friends of the Library. Nelson has six books of poetry to her credit, and her first, "A Quest for Kwanzaa," was heralded as the authoritative genesis of Kwanzaa literature. For information, call 619-692-4910.

### **Local Musicians to Perform at Three Libraries**

The **Peninsula Singers Choir** will perform March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The program will include music by George Cohan, John Denver, Paul Simon, George and Ira Gershwin, and a Nathaniel Hawthorne poem set to original music. The event will be sponsored by the Point Loma Friends of the Library. For more information, call 619-531-1539.

The **California Quartet** will perform chamber music on March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Branch, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163. The group will also perform March 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158. The latter concert, part of the "Pleasure of Your Company" series, will have a special reception following the performance and a \$5 donation is requested.

### **Winter/Spring Concert Series Continues**

The Library's free Winter/Spring Concert Series continues March 6 at 2:30 p.m. with a program by pianist **Kristine Wei**. She will perform works by Bach, Shostakovich, Beethoven and Hindemith. The concert will be held in the auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.

### **Workshop to Focus on Finding Music on the Web**

A computer training course about finding music on the World Wide Web will be conducted March 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. "Strategies of Note: Finding Music on the Web" includes music ratings, song lyrics and radio play lists. Participants will learn to search the Library's catalog to find sheet music and CDs for individual songs and other musical works. Vic Cardell, of the Library's Art-Music-Recreation Section, will conduct the workshop, which will be held in the Computer Lab at the Central Library, 820 E St. Classes are limited to 15 participants and reservations are required. Contact the Computer Lab at 619-238-6621.

### **Free Tax Assistance Available at Malcolm X Library**

Free assistance in preparing your taxes is available every Wednesday through April 13 at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St. Bring your last year's tax forms, 2004 W-2 forms and other pertinent documents. Call 619-527-3405 to register or for more information.

### **Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebrated at Point Loma**

Each year, the National Education Association celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 with its "Read Across America" event. Joan Wilson will bring Seuss' stories to life using music, puppets and lots of fun at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. After the stories, a birthday cake will be served. For more information, call 619-531-1539.



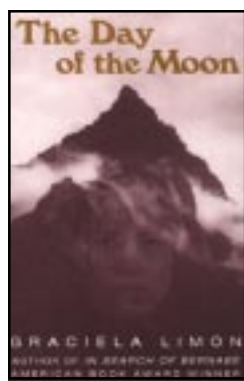
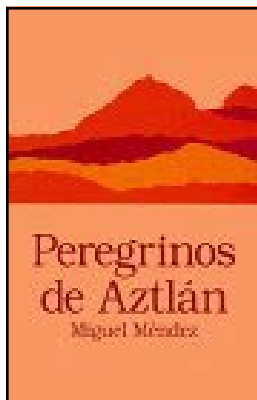
# “Historias!” Bilingual Book Discussion Series to Explore Mexican-American Experience

The Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego will host a four-book series of bilingual (Spanish and English) discussions entitled “Historias! – Mexican/Mexican American Literature.” The participants will examine the Mexican-American experience through the prism of contemporary Latino literature.

Literature has always been a catalyst for greater cross cultural understanding and readers will have a chance to participate in these provocative monthly discussions facilitated by Marta Gonzales, a Ph.D candidate in the Literature Department at the University of California, San Diego. Each session, focused on a different book, will take place on the third Monday of the month (see dates below) at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Linda Vista Branch Library, located at 2160 Ulric St. This series is free to the public and will take place as follows:

## Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.:

“**Peregrinos de Aztlán**” (“**Pilgrims in Aztlán**”), by Miguel Mendez, one of the most enduring and highly recognized Chicano novels, sets for all time the collective voices of the millions of migrant workers who enter the United States from Mexico in search of sustenance. The story revolves around the progeny of the Aztec empire who have returned to the United States, to the tribe’s mythical homeland in Aztlán.



## Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.:

“**Día de La Luna**” (“**Day of the Moon**”), by Graciela Limón, tells a story of forbidden loves. The novel spans the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Southwest from Mexico to Los Angeles, skin colors, the sexes, religious boundaries, life and death, and four generations of a family named Betancourt.



## Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.:

“**El Camino a Tamazunchale**” (“**The Road to Tamazunchale**”), by Ron Arias, is a profoundly human novel that deals creatively with death. This 1975 masterpiece, the first Chicano novel to be nominated for the National Book Award, tells the story

of Don Fausto, a very old man on the verge of death who lives in the barrio of Los Angeles. Rather than resigning himself to death, he embarks on a glorious journey in and out of time, space and consciousness with a cast of companions that includes his teenaged niece, a Peruvian shepherd, a group of *mojados*, and others.

## Monday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.:

“**Canícula: Imágenes de una Niñez Fronteriza**”

(“**Canícula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera**”), by Norma Elia Cantú, chronicles the coming of age of a Chicana in the U.S.-

Mexico border towns of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo in the 1950s and '60s. Winner of the

Premio Aztlán literary prize.



Norma Elia Cantú

Participants who need copies of the books, which are available in either English or Spanish, may pick them up at the Linda Vista Branch Library, or call to have a copy sent to another branch library or the Central Library. Anyone interested in attending these book discussions will need to register. To sign-up, please call the Linda Vista Branch Library at (858) 573-1399.

“Historias!” is a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego’s San Diego Latino Film Festival. This ongoing partnership consists of year-round book discussions, film screenings and youth digital story workshops in celebration of the Latino Experience.

The books selected in the series are evocative of events in an historical continuum that will give readers insight into how chicana/o writers have built off of each other stylistically.

“Historias!” is a project made possible by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, call the Linda Vista Branch Library at (858) 573-1399 or visit the San Diego Public Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

## Libraries Closed for Cesar Chavez Day

All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed on Thursday, March 31, for the Cesar Chavez Day holiday as observed by the City of San Diego. Book drops will remain open as a convenience to return library materials.



## Woody Guthrie's Words and Music to be Performed as Part of Library's "California Labor History" Exhibition

In conjunction with the Library's "California Labor History" exhibition, performer and teacher David Fenimore will sing and speak the words of Woody Guthrie on March 12 at 1 p.m. The performance will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. The event is free.

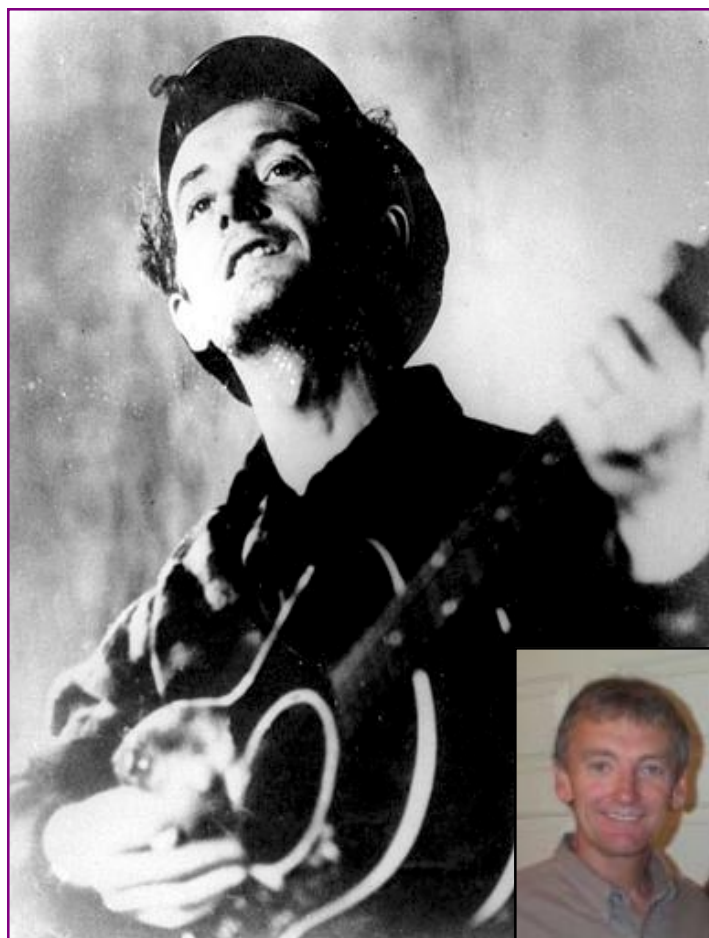
An English professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, Fenimore began performing last year as folk music legend Woody Guthrie. His presentation will include a monologue woven from Guthrie's own words and snippets of his songs.

Born in 1912 in Oklahoma, Guthrie transformed the folk ballad into a vehicle for social protest and observation in the 1930s and 1940s. In 1937, broadcasts from a Los Angeles radio station brought him wide public attention, and provided him with a forum for his controversial social commentary.

More details about the "California's Labor History" panel exhibition are available on page 1. Other events in conjunction with the exhibit are being planned.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

*At right, folk music legend Woody Guthrie. Inset: David Fenimore will perform Guthrie's words and music at the Central Library on March 12.*

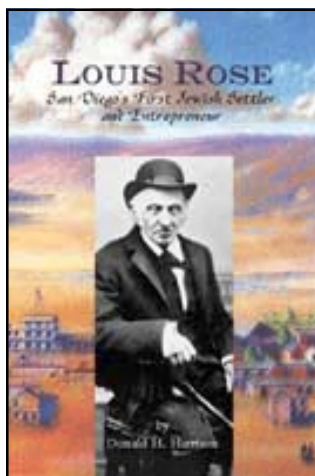


## Local Author to Discuss Book About San Diego Pioneer Louis Rose

On Saturday, March 5, the Library will present local author Donald H. Harrison, who will discuss and sign his recently published book "Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur." The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room on the third floor of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

Rose came to San Diego in 1850 and helped shape the city's government, development and planning. Both Rose Canyon and the Roseville neighborhood in Point Loma are named for him, and a monument to Rose can be found on the UCSD campus.

The event is free. For information, call 619-236-5847.



*Above, author Donald H. Harrison and his new book.*

## Prescription Medication Seminars

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American Library Association. The San Diego Public Library is one of 10 library systems in the country participating in the program. For more information, call one of the libraries below or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. The seminar schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m.:** Rancho Bernardo Branch, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163
- **Wednesday, March 23 at 6 p.m.:** San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430
- **Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m.:** Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405
- **Thursday, April 7 at 2 p.m.:** Point Loma/Hervey Branch, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539
- **Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.:** Mira Mesa Branch, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

## Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

